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FOR SECRETARY AND MRS. KISSINGER FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SF, OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT TO SOUTH AFRICA

1. I HAVE JUST LEARNED THAT, DESPITE MY INSTRUCTIONS, NO ONE FROM OUR CONSULATE GENERAL MET MRS. KISSINGER AND HER PARTY WHEN THEY ARRIVED IN CAPE TOWN. THIS HAS CAUSED ME AND MY WIFE ACUTE EMBARRASSMENT AND DISTRESS WHICH PROMPTS THIS MESSAGE.

2. WHILE THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS INSISTED ON YOUR WIFE BEING THEIR GUEST AND MAKING THE ARRANGEMENTS, I ASKED THE STAFF TO PLACE THEMSELVES AT HER DISPOSAL ON ARRIVAL. I DEEPLY REGRET THIS DISCOURTESY AND OFFER MY APOLOGIES TO YOU, MES. KISSINGER, MARLENE AND SUKIE. I HARDLY NEED STATE HOW SORRY I AM THAT THIS LACK OF CONSIDERATION SHOULD HAVE OCCURRED DURING A VISIT THAT HAS BEEN SO CORDIAL AND PRODUCTIVE IN SO MANY DIFFERENT WAYS.
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